

Hawaii MARINE LIFESTYLES

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Barry Wong runs reverse course with Shige Hirabayashi following closely behind during a drift session at Hawaii Raceway Park, Campbell Industrial Park, Kapolei. The sport of drifting was born in Japan with its origins at Japan's race tracks. It has been an underground street sport for years in Hawaii and in pockets on the mainland, but is finally emerging above ground — in a big way — in the United States.

Lesser known sport of drifting smokes its way into American mainstream

Susana Choy
Lifestyles Editor

"I fell in love with drifting a long time ago. I went on a ride with a friend and, to me, it was like an addiction. The adrenaline rush just can't be beat." Hooked on the slippery sport of drifting about eight years ago, David Arai, amateur drifter, is an enthusiast of the quickly growing legion of drifting converts, a sport born on the racetracks of Japan.

What is drifting, you ask?

Drifting is, essentially, the art of controlling and steering a vehicle in a sideways skid, often around corners, while maintaining a high rate of speed. Without having witnessed it firsthand, the drifting technique is easier to envision for those familiar with racing and hot rodding. For the uninitiated, imagine driving around a bend in a car that's traveling at a high speed when, suddenly, the rear tires lose all traction and begin skidding, forcing the vehicle sideways as the car continues to move in the direction it was going prior to losing traction.

For those who are not used to controlling a vehicle in such a scenario, to attempt to compensate for the skid may result in oversteering — causing the vehicle to fishtail uncontrollably. For drifters, however, oversteering is an essential component of drifting that causes tires to skid, squeal and smoke. Creating and controlling a good drift is not easy. There is an art to creating the smoke, smell and sound from burning rubber on tarmac. It requires a good understanding of and feel for the vehicle being driven and drivers must employ technical savvy. Though it may seem chaotic at times, a good drift is a thing of beauty and a driver's ability to balance the chaos with beauty, is what wins a competition. And with any art, the artwork is subjective.

According to Drift Session, local promoters of drifting events in the United States, in Japan's D1 Grand Prix, proper drifting "follows a correct racing line, stays low in the corners, and maintains race speeds. In the U.S., a good drift is wide, holds lots of angle, and makes lots of smoke." Locally, the Drift Session looks at a drifter's "speed, line, smoke, and how close you can get to the guardrails."

Tom Bryant, one of the partners and organizers of Drift Session, said there are two main groups of people who participate in drifting. "It's dominated by young people and that just draws more young people." The second group is people who enjoy modifying their cars and taking them to the track.

There is no special license or vehicle required to participate in the sport of drifting. Everyone is welcome to participate at Hawaii Raceway Park's public drift sessions that are held about once a month. Spectators at the



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Tom Bryant, Drift Session organizer and partner, watches the action on the track during a Drift Session event. Drift Session events are held about once a month at the Hawaii Raceway Park at Campbell Industrial Park.

track have seen a wide assortment of vehicles. While rear-wheel drives are the norm, front-wheel drive vehicles, though more difficult to drift with, also offer a showing.

Arai said the sport has come a long way from its days of obscurity to a safer venue promoted at the Hawaii Raceway Park.

"Drifting has finally evolved to where, now, you can come out every month and do drifting at the track," said Arai. "I bring my kid to these events. My son loves drifting. My son will jump on a little plastic police car with the steering wheel on top, push it around with his feet and start drifting around turns making sound effects."

Females are not often seen in the driver's seat, but they do make up a small percentage of the participants.

"I got my girlfriend a Civic, and she's starting to come out drifting, too," said a smiling Arai.

As a testament to its growing popularity within the United States, drifting fans were recently treated to the premiere edition of the first U.S. publication devoted to the sport: Drifting Magazine.

There are a few things those interested in participating in drifting should know. Drifting is definitely hard on a car's tires, not to mention its suspension and frame. According to Driftsession.com, the most common vehicles used for drifting tend to be reasonably priced, attainable, cheap to repair, have good aftermarket product

Shige Hirabayashi follows through on the off-camber turn during a drifting session at Hawaii Raceway Park. The Drift Session looks at a drifter's speed, racing line, amount of smoke created, and how close drivers get to the guardrails.



Japanese drifter Katsuhiro Ueo begins to slide through turn 1 while navigating the long course at Hawaii Raceway Park. With the amount of skidding a car is put through, drifting is particularly hard on a vehicle's tires.

al spectators will be treated to a demonstration at the Falken Drift Showoff, Sept. 3, by drift legend and the world's top front-wheel drive drifter, Keisuke Hatakeyama in his Honda EF

Civic.
For more information, e-mail info@driftsession.com or visit Driftsession.com.

**Drift
Events**

**August 6
September 3
September 10
October 8
November 12
December 3**



Shawn Reiley competes in the Drift Session Burnout Competition at the Hawaii Raceway Park.

SM&SP holds Executive Council elections

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The Single Marine & Sailor Program members held their annual Executive Council elections July 20 at the Kahuna's Recreation Center aboard Marine Corps Base, Kaneohe Bay.

"We want to make sure that we have individuals who are responsible and dedicated to the program as leaders of this council," stated Gabby Black, SM&SP coordinator.

Candidates run for the positions of president, vice president, treasurer and secretary by facing a panel of their peers. The candidates answered a series of questions from the council members and voting took place immediately afterwards.

"We highly encouraged the outgoing Executive Council members to

run again for any candidacy," added Black. "The previous Executive Council members had a greater chance of re-election because they've had a year to show the council what they have done."

The panel's intent was to look for Marines and Sailors who are responsible, dedicated, motivated, and truly interested in the growth of the program. Questions asked included everything from "What have you contributed to the SM&SP in the past?" to "What ideas or goals do you have for the program?" Candidates were also asked what strengths they would bring to the council and even if their command would support the fact that these positions require dedicating numerous hours to the SM&SP.

This year's elected council includes: Sgt. Rachael Richey, presi-

dent from Marine Corps Air Facility; Lance Cpl. Shawn Burks, vice president also from Marine Corps Air Facility; Petty Officer 2nd Class Melissa Deherrera, secretary, a Navy Storekeeper from Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2; and Sgt. Stacie Oaks, treasurer, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24.

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To learn more about the role of the SM&SP, visit www.mccshawaii.com or call the SM&SP Office at 254-7593.



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The newly elected SM&SP Executive Council members pose: (from left) Vice President Lance Cpl. Shawn Burks, Marine Corps Air Facility; Treasurer Sgt. Stacie Oaks, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24; Secretary Petty Officer 2nd Class Melissa Deherrera, Commander Patrol Reconnaissance Wing 2; President Sgt. Rachael Richey, Marine Corps Air Facility; and Gabby Black, SM&SP Coordinator.

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Possibilities in Paradise

Kahuna's Bar & Grill
254-7660/7661

Award-Winning Entertainment — Come down to the club to listen to the 2005 Na Hoku Hanohano Hawaii Music Award-winning band Sugah Daddy performing live on Friday at 10 p.m. Their album "Under the Native Moon" won Rock Album of the Year. Their contemporary Hawaiian rock will have you coming back to their regular performances at Kahuna's.

Kahuna's hosts Texas Hold 'em — Only MCB Hawaii is big enough to hold two Texas Hold 'em events at the same time. If you're and E-5 or below and the poker bug has also bitten you, come to Kahuna's, Saturday, for the antidote. A \$5 buy in gets you on the table, and the dealers start doing their thing at 6 p.m.

Hot Country Night at Kahuna's — If you like country, then you'll love Kahuna's Sports Bar & Grill's Hot Country Nights every Wednesday evening. This week, Dita Holifield and Red Handed return at 8 p.m. to play some of the best-known country hits of all time.

Staff NCO Club
254-5481

Texas Hold 'em — If poker is your game and winning is in your blood, then come to the Staff NCO Club for a few games of Texas Hold 'em Saturday. Players must be signed in by 6 p.m. Pupus and prizes will be available. Need to practice your dealing skills? Call the club, as dealers are always needed. For more information, call 254-5481.

Officers' Club
254-7650/7649

Sizzle Sundays — Nothing beats a dip in the pool except a dip in The Officers' Club pool and some pool-side food for all ages. Enjoy Sizzle Sundays from 2 to 6 p.m. Of course, you can start making the most of the pool from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., the extended summer pool hours that make for a Sunday that can't be beat. Looking for a few snacks? A new vending machine is now available as well.

All Hands

Exhibit at Base Library Extended — Come to the Base Library to enjoy the final days of another interpretive exhibit supplied by the Hawaii Committee for the Humanities. This display entitled "Blessings of Liberty: To Preserve These Rights Exhibit" explores the history and fundamental ideas of the U.S. Constitution, including the debate of ideas among the Founding Fathers, the principle of federalism and the anti-federalist argument, the balance of the powers and the Constitution's continuing legacy. The exhibit will run through July 30. For more information, call the library at 254-7624.

Summer Cooking Demonstrations — Come to the Marine Corps Exchange to witness culinary techniques using brand name kitchen appliances that will take your summer recipes to the next taste level. Friday, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., see how a toaster oven broiler can make nachos to spice up any meal. Saturday, also from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., will feature the secrets of using the electric grill. Sunday wraps up the demo series with various summer treats that can be easily made using a Belgian waffle maker. This demo will take place from 11 a.m. to noon. For more information, call the MCX at 254-3890.

FBI Recruitment Brief — Looking to find a career in law enforcement? Do you have foreign-language skills? Then you may be interested in a position with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This Monday workshop provides an overall review on the FBI agency and expectations, including: age requirements, pay and promotions, career assignments, drug policies, minimum qualifications, testing requirements, physical training, medical reviews and the application process. For more information, call 257-7790.

ETAP Seminar — The Executive Transition Assistance Program is for military personnel who are within two years of retirement. Commanders are encouraged to permit their retiring personnel to attend at their earliest opportunity, but no later than 90 days prior to retirement or commencement of separation leave. The seminar will run from Monday through Thursday. To secure a slot, contact your unit transition counselor or contact Marine and Family Services for more information at 257-7790.

Daddy's Baby Boot Camp/Mom's Basic Training — Come to the Key Volunteer Center from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to hear about the fine art of becoming a great care provider for the baby that's on his or her way into your life. This Tuesday and Wednesday training class will cover childbirth education and infant-care for expecting moms and soon-to-be dads. For details, call 257-8803.

New Arrivals Orientation — Are you new to MCB Hawaii? This brief is for you. This session, which starts Thursday at 7:30 a.m., in the Base Theater, will provide all the information you need to make this base more than just your current duty station — you'll be armed and able to make it your home away from home. Presenters from various base

organizations will provide a general overview of the services available to military members and their family. For more information, call 257-7790.

Program for Couples — A little marriage tune-up is good from time to time. Join the Chaplains' Religious Enrichment Operation for the Marriage Enrichment Training to be held Friday through Aug. 7. This event, held at the K-Bay Cabanas, promises to rejuvenate any relationship and open communication channels for a better spiritual connection. To sign up, call 257-1919.

Course registration underway — If you are looking to take the second five-week on-base college courses, you have until Aug. 9 to come the Joint Education Center to sing up for classes. Both military and civilians are welcome to register for the part-time, full-time, and evening courses. Institutions currently accepting enrollees are: Chaminade University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Hawaii Pacific University and Wayland Baptist University. For more information, call 257-2158 or 477-0003.

Ongoing

Designated Driver Awareness Program — According to the National Highway Safety Administration, in 2004 motor vehicle crashes were the leading cause of death for people 2 to 33. Don't be a statistic. Sign up for the Designated Driver Program at Kahuna's Sports Bar & Grill and enjoy free nonalcoholic beverages. For more information, call Kahuna's at 254-7660.

United States Marine Corps West Regional Teen Summit — This gathering, held at Marine Corps Base Hawaii from Aug. 19 to 21, is open to dependents 13 to 17. Teenagers from installations on the West Coast and in Asia will be attending. The workshops to be presented will focus on leadership development, life skills and outdoor adventure. Applications are being accepted now. Space is limited, so sign up early by calling 254-7610.

Extended Pool Hours at The Officers' Club — Summer pool hours are in effect at The Officers' Club as follows: Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Mondays and holidays, the pool will be closed so plan accordingly. Poolside menu will be available on Splash

Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and on Sizzle Sundays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. On Tuesdays and Sundays only, food will be cooked to order on a grill by the pool. Wednesday through Friday, limited items can be ordered via the poolside phone for delivery to the pool. For more information, call 254-7650.



Summer Reading Program — The Base Library's Summer Reading Program, now underway through Aug. 6, invites children of all ages to sign up and, depending on their age group, earn special awards. Parents are encouraged to read to young children who are not of reading age, enabling them to qualify for the program. Library representatives also invite everyone to take part in the Wrap-Up party held at the end of the program and to enter the book drawing. The party is scheduled for Aug. 13 at 1 p.m., with participants receiving certificates and rewards. For more details, call 254-7624.

Get Your Lunch on the Go at Kahuna's — For quick and convenient lunch, use the pick up service at Kahuna's bar. Just call the lunch pickup line at 254-4183 and place your lunch order between 10:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Mongolian Barbecue at the Staff NCO Club — Take part in the newest and dinner alternative: Mongolian barbecue at the Staff NCO Club. Every Thursday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., the club offers a fresh selection of meats, vegetables, spices, oils, and other ingredients. Members pay 65 cents an ounce; nonmembers can enjoy this dinner for 75 cents an ounce. Reservations are recommended. For reservations and information, call 254-5481.

Self-Storage Lockers Almost Full — More than 250 units of various sizes are offered on Marine Corps Base Hawaii. For information, prices and reservations, call The Lodge at 254-2906.

Discount at Fairways Sports Bar and Grill for Staff NCO Members — The SNCO Club may be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, but Fairways offers reduced pricing for SNCO members from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on those days. Don't forget to show your valid membership card for a discount. For more information, call 254-5481.

SM&SP

All events are open to unaccompanied E-5 and below who are active duty Marines or Sailors. The SM&SP Office is located in Building 1629, inside the Kahuna's Recreation Center. Get more details on activities at mccshawaii.com under the "Semper Fitness" icon, or call 254-7593.

Dodge Ball Tournament: The Single Marine & Sailor Program never drops the ball on having fun, and August looks like no exception. In addition to its clubs and programs, the SM&SP will also be hosting a dodge ball tournament Aug. 26 at Camp H.M. Smith and Aug. 27 at Kaneohe Bay. The Camp Smith tournament runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Camp Smith Gym, and the Kaneohe Bay tournament will be held at the Semper Fit Center from 10 a.m. to noon. Put together a six-person team and start practicing now. Both tournaments cost \$20 per team and are open to all eligible SM&SP patrons and invited staff noncommissioned officers.

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MOVIE TIME

***Prices:** Adults, 12 and older, \$3; children 6 to 11, \$1.50 and children 5 and younger, free. Matinee prices are \$2 for adults, \$1 for children. Parents must purchase tickets for R-rated movies in person at the box office for children 16-years-old and younger. Sunday evenings, the price is \$1 for all patrons. Show your ID card at the box office.*

Call 254-7642 for recorded information.

***Sneak Preview Policy:** One hour and 45 minutes prior to the movie, tickets will be issued to first priority patrons waiting in line, then second and third priority patrons.*

Cinderella Man (PG-13)	Today at 7:15 p.m.
The Longest Yard (PG-13)	Today at 9:45 p.m.
SNEAK PREVIEW (PG-13)	Saturday at 7:15 p.m.
Lords of Dogtown (PG-13)	Saturday at 9:45 p.m.
The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl in 3-D (PG)	Sunday at 2 p.m.
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants (PG)	Sunday at 6:30 p.m.
Cinderella Man (PG-13)	Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl in 3-D (PG)	Friday at 7:15 p.m.
The Honeymooners (PG-13)	Friday at 9:45 p.m.

CPRW-2 coats Kaneohe school

Lt. Aaron Knobloch
Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2

On July 18, Petty Officer 1st Class Quentin Salinas led a team of 23 volunteers in a day-long painting project at Kaneohe Elementary School. The project was an extension of Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2's Partners in Education Project, more commonly known as the Adopt-A-School Program. According to Salinas, a contractor provided the paint for the project, but the painting supplies were purchased with Joint Education Venture Forum funds. The team was originally scheduled to paint the cafeteria; however, when they arrived at the school they were pleasantly surprised to find that the contractor had already completed that portion of the project. Not to be discouraged, Salinas used his excellent leadership skills and creative ingenuity to come up with another worthwhile project. Since the main walkway between buildings had not been painted for years, Salinas had his

team use the excess paint, left over from the cafeteria's project, to freshen up the railings and the poles that hold up the covering to the walkway. After finishing the walkway, the team still had enough paint left to put a fresh coat on the school's nurse's room. This project was just one that volunteers from CPRW-2 conduct throughout the year with the elementary school. They've also participated in events at the school such as tutoring, mentoring and taking part in physical fitness activities. According to Salinas, there was no reason to stop conducting projects for the school — just because classes are currently not in session. Now, thanks to Salinas and the 23 volunteers from CPRW-2, when the students who attend Kaneohe Elementary School return to class, they will be greeted by a freshly painted walkway and nurse's room. After the beautification project was completed, the school's principal, Mr. Mitchell Otani, treated the team of volunteers to pizza and soda.



Petty Officer 1st Class Quentin Salinas

As part of the Adopt-A-School program project, volunteers from Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2, led by Petty Officer 1st Class Quentin Salinas, freshens up the railings and poles of the covered walkway of Kaneohe Elementary School with a coat of paint.

Personality Features

Navy provided means for experience



Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Petty Officer 3rd Class Anthony Knight, an engineman assigned as an outboard motor mechanic, Waterfront Operations, stands aboard a boat he maintains and repairs.

Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson
Combat Correspondent

“If I was back at home, I never would have been able to gain the experiences that I have,” said Petty Officer 3rd Class Anthony Knight, a Navy engineman assigned as outboard motor technician at Waterfront Operations, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. “I had never even driven a boat before I had joined the Navy.” For the Portsmouth, N.H. native, the military was something he always had in his mind to experience. The self-proclaimed “Air Force brat,” son of a 22-year Air Force veteran, said he knew that at some point he would join one of the services. Since he was 12, Knight worked a variety of jobs to make money, but his main hobby was painting cars. “I worked in an auto body shop and wish I could do that kind of stuff more here,” said the 25-year-old. “I basically just work on my own car now.” After graduating from Portsmouth High School, Knight decided to work and go to college. In 2002 he enlisted in the Navy and chose Engineman as his career field. “My dad was happy when I told him I was going to enlist,” said Knight. “I really didn’t have

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Enthusiasm serves as role model for others

Pfc. Roger L. Nelson
Combat Correspondent

“I wanted to be the best of the best and push myself to do something that would challenge me,” said Lance Cpl. Aaron D. Banks, traffic management specialist, Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. “My father was an Air Force Master Sergeant, so I knew I would end up in the military, but I wanted to do something that the average person will not do, so I knew the Marine Corps was for me.” Banks, a Moore, Okla. native, graduated from Westmoore High School May 26, 2004, knowing then that there only a couple weeks until he would make transition from civilian to Marine. “I left for Marine Corps Recruiting Depot, San Diego, June 28, 2004,” said Banks. “I’ll admit, I was a little nervous, but at the same time, it was motivating to know that I was going to be part of the world’s most elite fighting force.” Banks, 21, reported into MCB Hawaii, Dec. 28, 2004, not knowing what to expect out to the fleet Marine Corps. “Until I got here, I was always in some sort of student status,” explained Banks. “So, once

again, I had no clue what to expect.” Once Banks settled in to his new life, he very quickly became familiar with how the fleet Marine Corps is run. “I knew Banks was going to be a major help in our shop as soon as he got here,” said Lance Cpl. James M. Chavis, TMO clerk, Headquarters Battalion, MCB Hawaii. “The day he started working, he was taking the initiative to get his work done and then help other Marines with their work. He’s very ambitious.” Banks described his time in the Marine Corps so far to be very fulfilling. “You know, being in the Marines so far has had its ups and downs,” admitted Banks. “The best part about being a Marine, by far, is being able to feel the pride and belonging to such and honorable and respected organization.” Although he enjoys what he is doing for the Corps, Banks said that the demanding schedule that Marines must adhere to on a daily basis is the most difficult part of his career. “I honestly don’t know for sure what I plan on doing after I get out of the Marines, or even if I am ever going to get out of the Marines,” admitted Banks. “I’m really into videography and making music videos, so if and when the

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Today

Lunch

Oven Roast Beef
Baked Tuna and Noodles
Steamed Rice
French Fried Cauliflower
Vegetable Combo
Chocolate Chip Cookies
Fruit Pies

Dinner

Sauerbraten
Knockwurst
w/Sauerkraut
Cottage Fried Potatoes
Boiled Egg Noodles
Green Beans
w/Mushrooms
Chocolate Chip Cookies
Fruit Pies

Saturday

Brunch/Dinner

Grilled Steak

Pork Chop Mexicana
Mashed Potatoes
Spanish Rice
Mexican Corn
Peas and Mushroom
Fruit Nut Bars
Fruit Pies

Sunday

Brunch/Dinner

Beef Pot Pie
Baked Ham
Baked Macaroni and Cheese
Cauliflower Au Gratin
Bread Pudding
w/Lemon Sauce
Peanut Butter Cookies

Monday

Lunch

Teriyaki Chicken
Salisbury Steak
Steamed Rice

Mashed Potatoes
Simmered Lima Beans
Apple Crisp
Fruit Pies

Dinner

Baked Meat Loaf
Oven Roast Beef
Parsley Buttered Potatoes
Pork Fried Rice
Green Beans w/Mushrooms
Apple Crisp
Fruit Pies

Tuesday

Lunch

Barbecue Spareribs
Veal Parmesan
Oven Browned Potatoes
Buttered Egg Noodles
Simmered Asparagus
Devil's Food Cake w/Mocha
Butter Cream Frosting

Fruit Pies

Dinner

Swiss Steak w/Brown Gravy
Baked Fish Fillets
Lyonnaise Potatoes
Steamed Rice
Southern Style
Green Beans
Devil's Food Cake w/Mocha
Butter Cream Frosting
Fruit Pies

Wednesday

Lunch

Baked Ham
Chili Macaroni
Candied Sweet Potatoes
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
French Fried Okra
Bread Pudding

w/Lemon Sauce
Peanut Butter Cookies
Fruit Pies

Dinner

Baked Stuffed Pork Chops
Turkey Pot Pie
Mashed Potatoes
Steamed Rice
Calico Corn
Bread Pudding w/Lemon Sauce
Peanut Butter Cookies
Fruit Pies

Thursday

Lunch

Cantonese Spareribs
Baked Tuna and Noodles
Shrimp Fried Rice
Corn on the Cob
Pineapple Upside-Down Cake

Fruit Pies



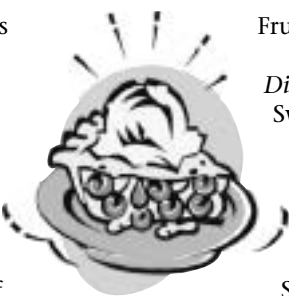
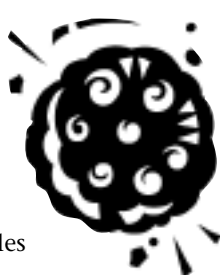
Dinner

Swedish Meatballs
Caribbean Chicken
Steamed Rice
O'Brien Potatoes
Simmered Brussels Sprouts
Pineapple Upside-Down Cake
Fruit Pies


Specialty Bar

(Lunch and Dinner)

Taco Bar



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Sigur Ros Kicks Off Tour

Acclaimed Icelandic band kicks off its U.S. and Canada tour, with opening act Amina String Quartet, Hawaii Theatre, Aug. 9 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$27.50 at the Hawaii Theatre Box Office.

Call 528-0506 or log on to www.hawaii-theatre.com.

Bishop Museum Hosts Reptile Summer Sleepovers

Bishop Museum hosts two family-fun sleepovers surrounding its interactive summer exhibit, “Reptiles: Real and Robotic,” Saturday and Aug. 20, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 a.m. the following morning.

Families can sleep next to a giant Nile Crocodile or curl up with a Diamondback Rattlesnake during their sleepover at Bishop Museum. The evening will also include a planetarium show, hands-on reptile activities, explorations and story-telling in Hawaiian Hall, and more.

Admission to the sleepover is \$20 per person. Bishop Museum members pay \$15. The Museum requires that every child have an adult chaperone. An adult is allowed to chaperone more than one child. A continental breakfast will be served. Remember to bring a sleeping bag and a flashlight and note that reservations are required.

For additional information, call 848-4168, 847-3511 or visit www.bishopmuseum.org.

Museum Invites Public to Explore Reptiles

Bishop Museum will host a series of fun games every

Saturday through Sept. 10, in conjunction with the “Reptiles: Real and Robotic” exhibit now on display at Bishop Museum.

“Reptiles: Real and Robotic” tells the story of how these feared, complex and often misunderstood creatures have evolved through history. Through larger-than-life robotic reptile models and interactive displays, this exhibit celebrates reptiles as ancient survivors of a once primitive Earth.

After experiencing the “Reptiles: Real and Robotic” exhibit, put your knowledge of these cold-blooded creatures to the test in a fun, new, interactive game from 10:30 a.m. through 2:30 p.m.

Admission is \$14.95 for adults; \$11.95 for youth 4 to 12 and seniors; and free for children under 4 and Bishop Museum members. Kamaaina and military discounts are also available. For more info, call 847-3511 or visit the Web site at www.bishopmuseum.org.

BANKS, From B-3

time comes for me to get out, I may pursue a career in that field.”

With only seven months at K-Bay, Banks has not yet deployed, but said he hopes to have the opportunity to go to Iraq or Afghanistan, at least once before he gets out of the Marine Corps.

“I feel helpless here, working in an office,” Banks explained. “It’s like if I was on a football team just sitting on the bench or standing on the sidelines. I would be a much bigger help in combat.”

Chavis sees Banks’ enthusiasm for deployment as motivation for everyone who works with him in the shop and the way all Marines should feel.

“I may work in an office and not be a grunt, but I still would be able to get the job done,” said



Edward Hanlon V

Lance Cpl. Aaron D. Banks (left), traffic management specialist, Headquarters Battalion, helps correct Master Sgt. Danny C. Barrett’s, engineer chief, Combat Service Support Group 3, shipping papers during a Traffic Management Office brief, Tuesday.

the motivated young Marine. “I still have a warrior attitude and am still a rifleman first and foremost.”

KNIGHT, From B-5

the money for college and wanted to get out of the state and see and experience new things. This was the opportunity for me to do that.”

After he completed basic training, Knight attended Engineman A School in Great Lakes, Ill., before reporting to MCB Hawaii. A duty station that, according to Knight, he was extremely lucky to have been assigned to for his first tour of duty, being that most Navy Enginemen are assigned to sea-duty billets aboard ships homeported on either the East or West coasts.

His primary duty at Waterfront Operations is to maintain and repair the small boats that are used to patrol the bay, focusing on security and environmental protection. Additionally, Knight is the hazardous materials assistant; a duty-section leader, responsible for the First Response Team — a team called upon in the event of an oil spill; conducts anti-terrorism force protection patrols around the perimeter of MCB Hawaii; supports tenants commands and deploying units; and provides assistance to the Coast Guard whenever there is a need for a search and rescue vehicle.

“I’m very proficient with both driving and fixing the different boats that we have here and whatever else that comes with this job,” said Knight. “It’s a great job, and the location where I do my job is really great, too. Can’t beat the view.”

On his off time, Knight attends college and enjoys playing golf. He also plays basketball on one of the base teams.

“I would like to participate in more sports, but it can be difficult due to the challenging hours at Waterfront Operations,” said Knight. “We stand 24-hour duty and 24-hour recall, for emergencies. Sometimes it makes scheduling personal events challenging.”

Knight said he doesn’t plan to bring his military career to a close at the end of his first enlistment. He said he is re-enlisting and moving to San Diego, where he will be transferring to Inshore Boat Unit 52.

“At times, I kind of wish that I went to a ship before reporting to shore duty, so I could gain the experience of ship life, and work in my rating,” said Knight. “But you learn how to adapt to various situations that arise day to day, and in so doing it helps to foster the relationships of the Sailors and Marines who are committed to the missions of the Navy and Marine Corps.”

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